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QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS ON UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL AND MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ATTACKS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/48/L.12

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 to 5 of draft resolution A/C.6/48/L.12, the General Assembly would, inter alia:

(a) Decide to establish an Ad hoc Committee open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention dealing with the safety and security of United Nations and associated personnel, with particular reference to responsibility for attacks on such personnel;

(b) Decide further that the Ad hoc Committee shall be authorized to hold a session from 28 March to 8 April 1994 and, if the Ad hoc Committee itself so decides, to hold a further session from 1 to 12 August 1994, to prepare the text of a draft convention, taking into account any suggestions and proposals from States as well as comments and suggestions that the Secretary-General may wish to provide on this subject, and bearing in mind views expressed during the debate on this item at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Ad hoc Committee with the necessary facilities for the performance of its work;

(d) Request the Ad hoc Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on progress made towards the elaboration of the draft convention;

(e) Recommend that a working group be re-established in the framework of the Sixth Committee at its forty-ninth session in the event that further work is required for the elaboration of the draft convention.

B. Relationship of requests to the proposed programme of work

2. The proposed activities are related to subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law, under programme 9, International law, within section 7, Legal activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. 1/

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would undertake the necessary action to provide services to the Ad hoc Committee and would assign responsibility for the substantive servicing of the Ad hoc Committee to the Office of Legal Affairs.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme of work for 1994-1995

4. Should the General Assembly approve the request contained in the draft resolution, the following amendments would be required to the citations under section 7, Legal activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law, activity 2, Parliamentary services, which should accordingly read as follows:

(a) Parliamentary documentation: 17 reports submitted to the General Assembly ... protection of diplomatic and consular missions; elaboration of an international convention dealing with the security and safety of United Nations and associated personnel; prevention of international terrorism ...

(b) Substantive services: ... one session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law; two sessions of the Ad hoc Committee on the elaboration of an international convention dealing with the security and safety of the United Nations and associated personnel ...

E. Additional requirements

Substantive servicing

5. Preparation of documentation and substantive servicing of the Ad hoc Committee would be undertaken by the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs. It is anticipated that this could be done within existing resources included under section 7, Legal activities, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Conference servicing

6. In accordance with operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the Ad hoc Committee shall be authorized to hold a session from 28 March to 8 April 1994 and, if the Ad hoc Committee itself so decides, to hold a further session from 1 to 12 August 1994, both to be held at United Nations Headquarters. It is assumed that interpretation and translation services would be required in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. For each of the sessions, it is assumed that the Ad hoc Committee would require interpretation in six languages and other meeting services for 20 meetings and that there would be five pre-session documents (30 pages), 12 and 13 in-session documents, respectively (25 pages), and one post-session document (32 pages).

7. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1994-1995. However, as indicated in paragraph 25E.6 of the proposed programme budget, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1994-1995 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of the budget preparation but also meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1994-1995 are consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated at this time that no additional resources would be required under section 25E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

F. Summary

8. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.6/48/L.12, no additional appropriations would be required under the proposed programme budget for 1994-1995.

Notes

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